Dear Russ,

Sorry to hear openings are few. Guess that is one of Nixon's successes, those great works to which he longs to return, according to his flacks.

What you say of Nixon's record is correct, and understated. There is one thing in it I'd forgotten, that he had also often enough voted with Marcantonio. Do you recall your source on this? The court decision in the 1962 case was more severe than you indicate. Nixon was held personally responsible.

I've just returned from a tiring trip to New York- too much for one long day. More than a month ago I had proposed a Watergate book to a friend. He spoke to a German publisher who is interested. I went to meet with his reps. One is going to Germany soon and I'll know when he gets back. Also, there is a possibility with my Italian publisher. Heard from his widow today. So, I'm having to rush to clean things up so I can write, and the worst job is the enormity of the material I have collected and filed by date only. There was then no other way. From the time I made the pitch it is different. I'm talking about going over half a file drawer of stuff. If there is a deal, I'll have to have the ms finished by the end of next month.

I remember something about a couple of later MM letters. Before I mail this I'll go through the file and see if I have the one you are talking about. Probably in the morning, when I expect to have time for a few things but not much because someone is coming.

I loaned the one on the Grenwich Village deal to a friend with whom I'm doing a book, jointly. Called The Informers. We thing we have solved that one, by the way. That is, we think we have figured out the identity of that guy. Sit tight: he's an FBI informant and they are already in trouble over him. Because of this I had given it to him to do a piece for a magazine, in the hope of attracting some attention to the book. I'll be seeing him soon and will get a copy. By the way, one of those guys on the Illinois list I gave you was recently fired by an Ivy league college. He'd been a popular prof. I can make a copy if you dongt mind pieces. I have no legal-sized paper.

You are getting close on Hoover's alleged opposition to domestic intelligence. He was then deeper in it than ever. It was more than his taking offense. He didn't want his thing blown by a bunch of amateurs. I'll be dealing with this in the book.

Odd things about that Weather house deal if I never told you. Couple of years ago a New York writer was here to interview me about Frame-Up. He wanted to write a piece on this MMstuff for Esquire, so I loaned him by extra copy. I also suggested that Boudin might be interested. He never returned it but he sent me the message that Esquire wasn't interested and neither was Boudin. B wouldn't even talk.

Frank Donner has a piece in the current Harpers on the major VVAW FBI informant. On CBS TV evening news tonight there was a long bit with pix of a couple, one of whom said there were about 30 such informants, in VVAW alone. These two were Cubans. The other, Pablo Fernandez, was one of the Barker group in the attack on Ellsberg at the time of the Capitol memorial to JEHoover.

Decided I'd better look for what you want before I forget. It wasn't in my MM file. There is more than you said. Because it would be too much to copy this in pieces, I'm sending it all back. If you can make a copy for me, fine. If not, o.k. too. I finally remembered where I'd laid it for when I went to where there was a machine with long paper.

Best,